

State	Gate Money	Inmate Accounts	Forced Savings	Comments
Alabama	\$10 and bus ticket to county of conviction	Yes		
Alaska	\$0		Yes	
Arizona	\$50 max, depending on amount in inmate account	Yes	Yes	Forced savings: 25% of wages
Arkansas	\$100			
California	\$200			If the inmate has been incarcerated less than six months, he receives gate money at the rate of \$1.10 per day.
Colorado	\$100 (debit card)	Yes		
Connecticut	\$50 max, depending on amount in inmate account	Yes		
Florida	\$100	No		
Georgia	\$25 and bus ticket			
Idaho	\$0			Inmate gets "transition funds" of up to \$1,500 specifically for finding housing until employed; on case-by-case basis.
Illinois	\$100			
Indiana	\$75 max, depending on amount in inmate account	Yes		Inmate can receive more than \$75 if he lacks support from family or friends, needs housing assistance, is moving out of state and shows immediate need.
Kansas	\$100, if inmate account has less than \$500	Yes		
Louisiana	\$10 and bus ticket	Yes		
Maine	\$50 max.	Yes		Inmates ineligible if parole violator, participated in federally certified work program within past 6 months, withdrawn more than \$500 from his account in past six months or has more than \$500 in his account
Massachusetts	\$50 max.	Yes		Gate money paid only if inmate has less than \$50 in his account
Michigan	\$75 max., depending on amount in inmate account	Yes	Yes	Inmate must have saved money in "reasonable manner."
Minnesota	\$100 max, depending on amount in inmate account	Yes	Yes	Forced savings rates: \$100 by Jan 2007; \$200 by Jan 2008; \$300 by Jan 2009; \$400 by Jan 2010; \$500 after Jan 2010
Montana	\$100	Yes		
Nebraska	\$100 if no money in inmate account	Yes	Yes	Forced savings: 5% of wages

Nevada	\$25/day min. for travel	Yes		Number of travel days funded depends on destination region of the country
New Hampshire	\$0	Yes		Used to give \$100 max, but eliminated because of budget cuts
New Jersey	\$0	Yes		Freeze put on inmate account 30 days before release
New York	\$40, saved by inmate in final year before release	Yes	Yes	
North Carolina	\$45	Yes		State law says inmate must have been incarcerated at least 2 years to get the money.
North Dakota	\$0	Yes		
Ohio	\$25-\$75, depending on time in prison	Yes		1-90 days: \$25; 91-180 days: \$40; 181-365 days: \$65; over 365 days: \$75
Pennsylvania	\$100 from inmate account	Yes. Inmate must have made "good-faith" effort to save money for release.		If inmate has no balance in account, amount of gate money is determined by transportation and miscellaneous needs
Rhode Island	\$20 max., depending on amount in inmate account.	Yes		
South Carolina	Bus ticket to anywhere in the state	Yes		Ticket not provided if inmate has made own travel arrangements
South Dakota	\$50 min. from inmate account	Yes		
Tennessee	\$75 for first-time and destitute offenders	Yes		Other offenders receive money in their inmate accounts.
Texas	\$50 and bus ticket for parolees; others get \$100			Offender gets \$100 more upon reporting to parole office
Vermont	Undetermined, based on need			Inmate can get "transition" money for housing; money for other purposes (transportation, clothing, food) given on case-by-case basis.
Virginia	\$25 max, depending on amount in inmate account	Yes		
West Virginia	\$0			Inmates get one-time-only \$300 from trust fund created by an attorney